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Congratulations to Russ Truell. He is a member of the inaugural graduating class of the State of Tennessee Certified Municipal Finance Officers program. The class was recognized in a ceremony in the Tennessee House Chambers yesterday. For the better part of the past two years Russ has been attending classes and taking examinations on a variety of important elements and disciplines associated with sound financial management. Tennessee is one of the first states in the country to enact a program of this nature that requires each municipality to designate and have a certified Municipal Finance Officer. In addition to this certification, we hope to use the training materials and the CMFO program to develop a career ladder and promotional process for employees in the Finance department that would like to improve their knowledge and their value to the City. Join me in congratulating Russ on this achievement.

Congratulations to Interim Housing development Coordinator Kathleen Sauseda who recently passed the Tennessee Business and Law Management Examination offered through the Tennessee Board for Licensing Contractors. This is one of two examinations needed to obtain a State of Tennessee Contractors License for projects that exceed \$25,000. Since Kathleen works closely with contractors in administering CDBG funding, she took it upon herself to pass this examination and gain a better understanding of the States expectations for contractors.

Beginning in February the City will highlight our **Green Business Partners** on our Live Green portion of the Website. We'll randomly choose one business a month and feature them on their own page. They will answer questions about their sustainable business practices and provide photos on the site. They'll also be featured in media releases and on the City's social media sites.

Lastly, Congratulations to **our new Mayor, Dr. Ken Moore** who was sworn in on Tuesday at the Board of Mayor and Alderman meeting. Ken is Franklin's 31st Mayor. Read more about Ken on our Website at www.franklintn.gov or at the Tennessean at <http://www.tennessean.com/article/20110126/WILLIAMSON10/101260312/2040/WILLIAMSON10/New-mayor-doesn-t-plan-rock-boat> and the Williamson Herald at <http://www.williamsonherald.com/home?id=74446>.

Quote of the Day: *"INSPIRATION-If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader."* —John Quincy Adams

Thanks for all you do. Have a great weekend.

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